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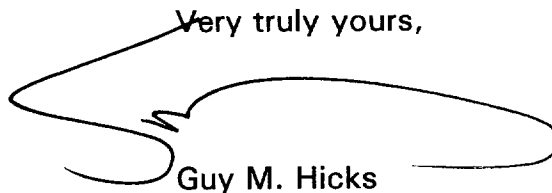
David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications,
Inc. and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.*
Docket No. 01-00637

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's responses to the Staff's Data Requests dated August 17, 2001. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel for Sprint.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

REQUEST: Does this Interconnection Agreement resolve, totally or in part, any issues existing in the current Arbitration, the *Petition of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to Section 251 (b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Docket No. 00-00691? If so, to what degree?

RESPONSE: No.

REQUEST: When the arbitrated interconnection agreement, resulting from the conclusion of the *Petition of Sprint Communications Company, L.P. for Arbitration with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. pursuant to Section 251 (b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Docket No. 00-00691, is submitted, will the Interconnection Agreement, Docket No. 01-00637 be included as part of that Agreement?

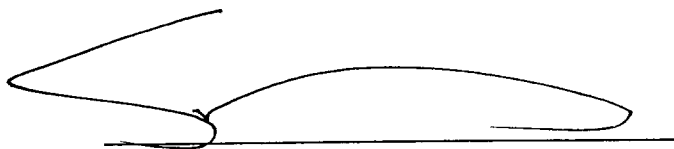
RESPONSE: Yes. The arbitrated Interconnection Agreement resulting from the conclusion of Docket No. 00-00691 will contain provisions for the High Frequency Spectrum network element, Preordering Loop Makeup, Unbundled Loop Modification and Port/Loop Combinations and will supercede the interim agreement of Docket No. 00-00637.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 27, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via the method indicated:

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- ☒ Mail
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